

The Watauga Democrat.

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Jefferson court this week, special term.

—D. D. and B. R. Dougherty are attending Jefferson court.

—Corn for sale at my store at 90 cts. per bushel. M. B. Blackburn.

—Atty. W. B. Council is attending Jefferson court this week.

—Read notice of sale of real estate by Harper, Bernhardt & Co., in this issue.

—Henry and Lawrence Coffey, of Caldwell, have been here in the interest of the telephone.

—Court two weeks from next Monday. Remember the DEMOCRAT when you come.

—Mr. Stacy Rambo and Miss Nora Elliott, of Mountain City, Tenn., spent Sunday in town.

—For the want of lumber work has been suspended on the M. E. Church, but will be resumed next week.

—Miss Bessie Krider, of Salisbury, a very accomplished young lady, is boarding with B. J. Council.

—The continued rains of the past two weeks, have seriously damaged the potato crop in the county.

—Horton and Council, of Vilas, have bought an engine with which they will run their threshing machine this year.

—Mrs. Naomi Horton and little daughter, Grace, of Lenoir, spent a few days with relatives here, and went on to Cove Creek, where they will remain a short time.

—On last Saturday night one Puckett, who has been in jail here for months charged with slander, made his escape the second time, and has gone to parts unknown.

—Mr. L. M. Hodges, who is store-keeping in the distillery of John A. Denny, at Hale, N. C., passed through town yesterday on his way home. He reports that the distillery has suspended.

—For stockings and mittens for the children, dye the wool with Putnam Fadeless Dyes, scarlet, cardinal or turkey red. Each time you wash them makes them brighter. Sold by J. A. Edmisten, Blowing Rock.

—Moses H. Cone is buying more lands adjoining his large tract known as the Norwood lands. If reports are true, he will soon reach out his possessions within two or three miles of our town, which will nearly connect Boone and Blowing Rock. We wish him much success in his enterprise in our county.

—On last Sunday James Brower, (col.) who wished to make a short trip to Blowing Rock, stole a horse from the stable of J. M. Moretz and proceeded on his journey. Mr. Moretz missed the horse and followed the young negro, and recovered his horse at Blowing Rock. The negro is young, but deserves severe punishment for this bold act.

—Married at 6 p. m., yesterday, Mr. J. G. Lovin, of Mon

tezuma, to Miss Maggie, youngest daughter of Mrs. Patrick, of Shull's Mills. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's mother, and a sumptuous repast was spread for the invited friends and relatives. The DEMOCRAT extends congratulations.

—On Tuesday morning Mr. James Smith, who lives near Poplar Grove, lost his house and entire contents by fire, leaving himself, wife, and five little children without food, shelter or raiment. Mr. Smith is a hard-working man, and it is the duty of the public to help him as much as they can. He says he will be more than thankful for any contribution, be it ever so small.

Public Examination.

I will be in Boone on Monday August 9th, to examine those who may wish to enter the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. The examination will be on Arithmetic through fractions, the elements of English Grammar, History of the United States, and Geography. This county is entitled to one scholarship, and the appointment will be made from those who pass this examination. For further particulars, address Pres. A. Q. HOLLIDAY, West Raleigh, N. C.

J. B. Johnson, Co. Ex.

The report that the papers gave of a man being murdered by a Mormon elder down in this State a few days ago has been denied, so we are not able to state further about the matter. We hope it is not so, however.

Tired, Nervous, Sleepless

Men and women—how gratefully they write about Hood's Sarsaparilla. Once helpless and discouraged, having lost all faith in medicines, now in good health and "able to do my own work," because Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to enrich and purify the blood and make the weak strong—this is experience of a host of people.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Gentle reliable, sure.

John D. Rockefeller has given the Baptist people a gift of \$250,000 which has paid off their joint mission debt of the home and foreign missions. Rockefeller's gift was contingent on the two institutions raising the same amount, making \$500,000 in all.

The Alaska gold mines have caused great excitement in the western states and large crowds of people are making a mad rush for the new Eldorado. Much hardship and suffering will be encountered by those who go to the cold frozen country to pick up gold as a child would pick-up pebbles. It is reported that one fellow dug a hole in the ground and stored away his provisions and other effects and selected a branch and picked up enough gold to do him a mounting to \$50,000 and left for home. This was accomplished in a few months, other fortunes are being made continually. When Uncle Sam bought Alaska in 1866 we believe, it was considered a bad investment but a change is now so great that it will soon pay its way with big interest.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

Reunion Reminiscences.

Editor Democrat.

Were it not that some might regard us as having Reunion on the brain, we would fain write more concerning the late gathering of the Confederate soldiers at Nashville, Tenn. We would tell how, that speech of welcome by Governor Taylor amply repaid all who listened to it for their trouble for going to the reunion, and how that delivered by Judge Reagan, of Texas, was not a whit behind. In fact for eloquence, it is doubtful if either could be surpassed.

We would tell how we met up with many old war comrades whom we had not seen for more than 32 years—a mong whom was our first Adjutant, J. L. Gaines, who now resides in Nashville and doing well, but all of the first North Carolina Cavalry will regret to know that he lost an arm ten days before the surrender. He was commanding the second North Carolina Cavalry at that time. If any of the first or second North Carolina Cavalry should visit the Tennessee centennial, they will find his residence 119 Spruce St. He expressed a desire to see all the boys who would come. We would tell how we met our old regimental color-bearer, D. A. Caldwell, of Co. C, who is still hale, and able to carry the color, if not of the Stars and Bars,—colors which are emblazoned "Tar Heels." And how we met an old soldier who was wounded and borne from the field with the writer; how he recalled incidents of the evening to make us remember him. We would tell how the old "Tar Heel" soldiers enjoyed the fact that an old hornet's nest carried by one of the hornet's nest company created almost a stampede among the city folk, fearing the hornets would escape and sting the people, and these same city folk deride the country people for ignorance.

We would tell how that each State had a number of lady representatives; one as Sponsor and others as maids of honor. And how we heard men from other States compliment North Carolina upon the fact of her having sent the grandest array of beauty. And we would tell how one company from Georgia marched in their rebel gray uniforms, just as they laid them off when they reached home, with all the soldiers accouterments; and how sad it made one feel, and how we wondered why we all did not preserve our old ragged rebel gray. How interesting to the rising Generations.

All this, and a thousand and one things more, we would like to write about; but lest we be thought to have reunion on the brain, we will desist. We do have reunion on the brain, however, for we are in favor of a reunion of the Ashe and Watauga confederates this fall, either at Boone or Jefferson, and form a camp, and attach our selves to the 4th or western brigade, which is a new brigade ordered at Nashville, composed of the Piedmont region. Then we will be entitled to delegate representation at Atlanta next reunion. The officers must take this up, as the private soldiers have not influence sufficient to make it a success. Let us call upon Capt. Todd, of Jefferson. Now that "Single Tax" has played out and we have double tax instead, he can give the reunion some attention. H. A. D.

President McKinley, it is reported, will notify Spain that unless the Cuban war ends October the 1st, he will recognize the Cubans as belligerents.

In Feeble Health

Unable to do Her Work—Nervous and Tired—All These Troubles Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"For the past four years I have been in feeble health, and for two years past, owing to change of climate, I have not been able to do my work. I was nervous and had a tired feeling and was under the treatment of physicians, but I continually grew worse. My husband insisted on my trying Hood's Sarsaparilla and I finally consented, and began taking it the first of June, 1896. The first bottle did me so much good that I continued with it, and after taking four bottles and one bottle of Hood's Pills I am able to do my work, and the tired, nervous feeling is entirely cured." Mrs. G. N. HOGAN, Saratoga, Ga.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Is the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills and Sick Headache, 25c.

A CUSTOMER

OUR

BEST ADVERTISEMENT!

DON'T FAIL

To ask your neighbor who has visited our store whether we give the most goods for the least money.

THE TRUTH

is what hurts our competitors. We don't carry "Cheap John" goods, but standard goods at Cheap John's prices.

Our increasing trade amid the hard times too well proves the merit of our business methods.

COME RIGHT ALONG

and be convinced. We have the store for the people and of the people.

Moretz & Farthing.

Come to See Me!

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Yes, the old year is gone and the new one is here, and I am still here and hope to merit your confidence and trade during the year 1897 by

Fair and honest deals.

I shall endeavor to keep on hand such goods as you all may need, and at as low prices as I can possibly sell the same.

I shall, during the year try to keep a better assortment of goods than ever before.

do not expect to

KEEP "CHEAP JOHN SHODDY STEFF,"

but good goods that I can recommend to my friends and customers. I ask a portion of your valuable patronage on these facts. Any special goods not kept in stock will be cheerfully ordered for my friends on short notice. I shall keep a good line of

Sugar, Rice, Soda, Spice, etc.

Also domestic, jeans, alamaance, calicoes, cashmeres, flannels, fancy dress goods

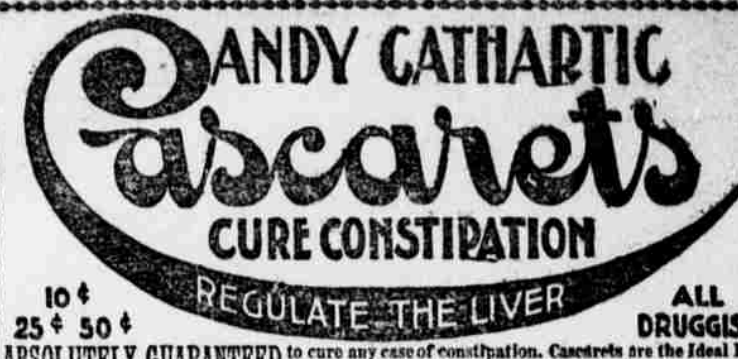
AND SHOES

I keep the largest stock in the county and try to get the best shoe on the market for the least money. You will find all grades from the coarse to the fine \$2.25 ladies shoes. Men's and children's in all grades.

You will find all grades men's and boys' hats, Ladies untrimmed hats. I think I have as good a stock of HARDWARE as you will find in the county, all very cheap. Please come to see me when in need of goods, will do you right every time.

I will appreciate your trade, and return many, MANY thanks for past patronage. Yours anxious to please,

WILL W. HOLSCLOW.



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CURE CONSTIPATION
REGULATE THE LIVER
ALL DRUGGISTS
10¢ 25¢ 50¢
ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED to cure any case of constipation. Cascarets are the ideal laxative, never grip or cramp, but cause easy natural results. Sample and booklet free. Ad. STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago, Montreal, Can., or New York, N.Y.

Are you coming to Town?

Do you expect to buy any goods while here?

If so I assure you that I can make it to your advantage to give me a call.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTHERN CITIES WHERE I HAVE TAKEN THE ADVANTAGE OF A LARGE CLOSING OUT SALE OF

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, AND CLOTHING.

WHICH WILL BE SOLD STRICTLY FOR CASH

AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Having made my profit in BUYING.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Very Respectfully,

M. B. BLACKBURN

April 21.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO J. N. EDWARDS, ASST. TREAS. OF THE FARMERS MUTUAL—VERY IMPORTANT TO DELINQUENTS.

Office of Reg. of Deeds Alleghany County, June 9, 1897. Mr. Jesse F. Hoskins, General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual, Dear Sir:—Yours of the 5th inst. at hand and copy you will see in the to-day's "Star." Our friends are becoming, and will become, more reconciled to the workings of the association after reading your letter. Very truly, J. N. EDWARDS.

Summerfield, N. C., June 5, 1897. Mr. J. N. Edwards, Asst. Treas. of the Farmer's Mutual, Dear Sir:—Replying to yours of June 1st making inquiry relative to dissatisfaction of some of the stock-holders of the Farmer's Mutual. 1st. Because the assessment is considerably more than the P. C. Higgins loss. 2nd. If the Association is not going to force collections of delinquent dues, and why legal steps are not taken for those of last year, I have to say:

1st. they are most respectfully referred to the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting, when it was unanimously voted that the next assessment be made for at least fifty dollars more than the loss and estimated expenses, to pay any small loss, saving the expenses. The expense can not be ascertained until the bills for printing, postage, charges of treasurer and assistant treasurer and supervisors for services are rendered. For example, your very reasonable charge could not be known until the work was done. An itemized statement is made to stock-holders at every Annual Meeting and they are respectfully referred for the statement to the Treasurers reports, or the files of the Alleghany Star, in which paper they were published for months showing to every fair-minded person that the Farmer's Mutual had no concealments to make, and that its advertisements were not of the "Patent Medicine" kind. The notices emphatically states that any balance, after payment of losses and expenses is left in the Treasury and cannot be drawn out except by order of the association.

The Wilkes and Alleghany associations closed business last year with a cash balance. Now as to the collection of delinquent dues; those who have paid their dues may rest easy, and those who owe them may make up their minds to either pay them or have a judgment lean upon their property causing it to be non-transferrable. These judgments are negotiable assets carrying costs and interest until paid, thus making them the very safest investment for capitalists, for the policy contract is prima facie evidence of their being on real estate, and unnumbered land, and for such small amounts can not be afforded to remain a lean very long. This is the history of these judgments in other associations, doing business on the self-same plan.

Transcripts of judgments will be placed in the hands of the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer who are authorized to receive payment and give receipts for the same. All parties interested are most respectfully urged to settle and save themselves cost and worry, and the undersigned the undersigned the unpleasant duty of collecting according to law.

Under its charter granted by the Legislature of N. C. each Branch is constituted a complete autonomy, possessing the right to enact By-Laws for its own government and empowered to "sue or be sued." The delinquents for last year were so few that it was thought best to wait until after the Second Annual Meeting and save expenses and time by collecting all together. But if any one, be he a delinquent or otherwise, thinks judgment will not be taken let him at once be undeceived.

Neither myself nor agents, at any time, handle the funds of the associations. I have organized and cannot be interested in making these assessments excessive. On the other hand, by reference to the 2nd and 3rd annual meetings of the Guilford, Forsyth and Stokes Associations in March, last, I donated for the coming year one-half of the premiums (on policies to be written) for contingent expenses and it will be observed that these associations are growing stronger and stronger as the years roll on, and the dead limbs are topped off. A good business is being done in these associations now, and \$500,000 to \$700,000 has been written up. As President Davidson said at the third annual meeting: "It is only a question of time until the farm and isolated property will be written up."

Very Respectfully, JESSE F. HOSKINS.